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If Catts has a plurality, a recount will prove it.

Catts is doing the very thing he accused the pope of Rome of doing.

Sad, but true, nearly all soldiers smoke cigarettes. And they don't seem to hurt them much, either.

Hughes may be the candidate of the hyphenates. Mr. Wilson should have the full support of the Mexicans. He has proven himself their friend.

Emperor William enters today on the third year of his world-war. Wonder if he is happy for the past and present and confident for the future.

Selling as we do guns and ammunition to the Mexicans, to kill our own soldiers with, it is no wonder that we are indignant at the British blacklist.

Congress and the administration seem to be seriously considering turning the protection of the border over to their great and good friend, Carranza.

The most important question for America to decide is how to sufficiently supply itself with the means of destruction to enable it to pursue the work of construction in peace.

No wonder Catts is indignant. In Holmes county, a number of his old neighbors from Alameda came across the state line to vote for him. Of course, it makes his blood boil to think of their votes being thrown out.

Mistaken idea that Congress has provided for a big army. Only 105,000 at present. And no appropriation for the national guard now in service. No trouble at all to put thru a big, pork-barrel bill. No money for the national honor or the national defense.

Headline in daily paper says, "Heat killed one person every thirty minutes in Chicago." It referred to the stifling siege of torridity that held the Windy City for almost three weeks, during which 300 people died from heat prostration. Be thankful you live in Florida.

One of our veteran business men says he would not mind seeing Marion county bond for half a million or more if he was sure there would be no graft. If advantageous contracts are made with two or three good, road-making firms, such as we saw at work in Lake county, they will leave mighty little room for graft.

The Star has interviewed quite a number of leading citizens from various parts of the county, who have been in town for the last week or two, on the question of bonding for good roads, and it has found a majority of them against bonds. They want the roads, but they do not feel like assuming the burden now.

On the A. C. L. platform this morning we counted thirteen able-bodied negroes very busy doing nothing, and it was by no means the most populous loafing place in town. All seemed well fed, too. Somebody has to feed them. If all this class could be put to work, we could have all the good roads we need without any bond issue. Why shouldn't they work? When you come down to brass tacks, it is the public that feeds them.

In appropriating an immense amount of money for preparedness, Congress has set aside a disproportionately small amount for ammunition. Not enough for the country to fight a battle like that on the Somme, or resist an attack like that on Verdun, for a week. Doesn't look like the ammunition manufacturers have many friends in Congress. For that matter, the people haven't, either.

Man writing to the Jacksonville Metropolis sets up a wall because Knott impugns the good faith of the inspectors and clerks. Some of said inspectors and clerks did not have much good faith to impugn. In one county—a Catts county, by the way—they allowed about three hundred men who hadn't registered to vote.

A day or two ago a congressman arose in his seat and for one hour he everlastingly lambasted the democratic party and its candidate for the presidency. The speech, which was a fairly humorous one, but full of error, as might be expected, will appear as a public document and will probably be franked to the congressman's constituents, and probably many thousands elsewhere, and yet, not a single paper in all Florida has called it a "damnable outrage."—Miami Herald.

Why should we? Democrats do the same thing every time they have the chance. The people, both democrats and republicans, are fearfully imposed on by the wanton waste in print-

## A LETTER FROM PHILADELPHIA

Editor Star: If any our Ocala friends have an idea of starting north about the time we leave they will do well to patronize some train other than the one we are on for we are beginning to think that some of our antecedents must have borne the name of Jonah. We left Ocala in one of the heaviest rains of the summer and that rain kept company with us till we reached Savannah. Here we learned that every trestle and bridge between that city and Columbia, S. C., was either washed away entirely or so badly damaged that they were unsafe, so we were switched on to the Atlantic Coast Line going by way of Charleston, Sumter and McBees, when we again got on the S. A. L.

The floods in the neighborhood of Charleston had receded but left the whole country one gigantic cake of mud over which the heavy train had to move with the greatest caution and at a rate of speed about equal to that of a Florida gopher. A few miles from Charleston we struck the water and mile after mile was traveled without the sight of land enough to furnish a foothold for a pair of No. 10 boots. We reached the climax at a place called Santee Creek. Now under ordinary conditions that creek is perfectly satisfied to meander between two banks about 100 yards apart, but when we arrived it was four miles wide and in many places was trying to emulate the rapids at Niagara. The railroad company had been busy ever since the rain commenced and had dumped many thousand bags of sand to strengthen the weak places in the fill or trestle and the water was over the top of the ties we managed to creep thru, but as the water was still rising and was but six inches from the top of the rail it was the opinion of all the train hands that ours would be the last train till the waters receded, which would be a serious matter as this was the only route open connecting the North and South.

It was a strange sight for nearly three miles to see only the top cross arm of all the telegraph poles standing out of the water and even the wires from these were under water between poles, while a heavy cable and the lower wires were under water the whole distance, and the poles that carried them ranged from 12 to 18 feet high, so you may form some idea of the amount of water trying to find its way to the sea. When we reached land again we were seven hours behind schedule time so the man on the front end pulled her open, and the road was so rough that a sailor suggested that if it got much worse it would take two men to hold one man's hair on. We were sure going some. And then while doing 50 miles an hour an old darkey concluded that he had business on the other side of the track, and started across about 35 feet ahead of the locomotive, and the way the man jammed down his throttle, and smashed on his Westinghouse, sent about one-half of the passengers out in the aisle or over into the next seat, with many a bruise and bloody nose. Of course this didn't save the darkey, who was landed on a mud bank some distance away with a hole in the top of his head as big as a man's thumb, but with no injury to his shins and still able to swallow some dark looking fluid from a long-necked bottle. It is quite probable he will recover, especially as they piled him onto a stretcher and stowed him away in a nearby ice house.

When we began to climb the hills of North Carolina, it was quite evident that they had not been visited by so much rain and country and crops looked fine, especially corn and tobacco, more especially the latter, which I think was the best I had ever seen. We also noticed a wonderful improvement in stock over that of a few years ago and I realized more than ever the good results of a no-fence law, for when it is necessary to tether a cow somewhere near the house, as we saw it in scores of places, it would hardly pay to tie up a scrub, consequently every cow in the country was either a full-blooded Jersey, a Durham or some other fine breed, and another thing noted was that any small farmer could work 100 acres for every 40 he could work if he had to fence.

Another thing worthy of notice was the splendid condition of the Dixie Highway thru the hills of North Carolina and Virginia. The roadbed is built unusually high in the center so that it drains well and is as smooth as the asphalt streets in Philadelphia. If the poor wretches who have to pay a license for burning gasoline (and incidentally to help support poor John Deere) had such roads in Florida, or even in the city of Ocala, preachers wouldn't have to look the other way when the man at the wheel gives expression to his feelings.

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Editor Star: I see by yesterday's paper that Taylor county has voted in favor of a bond issue of \$600,000 to be expended in 'great part on that county's share of the Dixie Highway. Isn't this an object lesson for the taxpayers of Marion? We have a fairly good system of roads, a large proportion of these lime roads are in good repair, owing to work done in the last year and a half. Now it is proposed to tear all this up and replace it with sand-asphalt, all in order that the Dixie Highway project may be put through, for it is easily understood that the taxpayers could never be persuaded to build this highway on its own merits alone.

There are many interests at work; there is the asphalt man, the brick man, the road machinery man, the local..... and a host of others, but the chief of all is the automobile industry—that is the prime mover. We know that good roads are necessary to a community, and think the roads we have could be greatly improved, but under present conditions I think our best policy would be one of watchful waiting.

Respectfully, A. Cuthill.  
Martel, July 27.

The real end to seek is happiness, and this cannot be bought but is simply a reaction from good health, from due regard for others and from the performing of service to enable us to live as we should.—Babson.

## LIST OF MAGAZINES

### AT THE LIBRARY

Following is a list of magazines to be read at the library when it is open: Scientific American, Collier's, Saturday Evening Post, Country Gentleman, Literary Digest, Review of Reviews, Popular Mechanics, The Outlook, Scribner's, Harper's, Century, Bookman, St. Nicholas, Little Folks, American, Youths Companion, American Boy, Woman's Home Companion, Delineator, Ladies' World, Ladies' Home Journal, Pictorial Review, Modern Priscilla, The Musician, Garden Magazine, McClure's, Everybody's, National Geographic Magazine, Current Opinion, Physical Culture, Good Housekeeping.

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## STATEMENT FROM MR. KNOTT

Editor Star: My several suits to determine the result of the primary are amply justified upon the following grounds:

1. Out of a total of more than 83,000 votes cast for governor, Mr. Catts led me on the face of the returns by only 260 votes, many of these returns being admittedly incomplete or incorrect.

2. In 75 to 100 precincts in Florida, as shown by the original tally sheets filed by inspectors and clerks of election, the second choice votes—designed to take the place of a second primary—were incorrectly tallied and could not be included at all by the county boards in making their returns to the state board, and such returns were therefore incomplete.

3. The several circuit courts and the supreme court as well have granted me writs of mandamus to compel a correct count and canvass where these conditions existed—through the unintentional error of the inspectors—and as I received three "second choice" votes in the state to every one cast for Mr. Catts, my nomination is assured by a count of the ballots as cast by the electors in June.

4. Mr. Catts first secured amended returns—from two counties, Columbia and Taylor—which materially increased his lead, and it was Mr. Catts who instituted the first mandamus suit—in Alachua county—to compel a recanvass. Therefore he has no right to object to my doing the same.

5. The state canvassing board has no judicial powers whatever, being required by law to accept the returns from the counties as sent in.

6. Our laws provide legal remedy through mandamus proceedings to compel a correct count and return of the votes. The republican supreme court of 1876 compelled the republican state canvassing board to reconvene and issue a certificate of election to Geo. F. Drew, democratic candidate for governor, after the board had declared his republican opponent elected. In 1908 our democratic supreme court compelled the congressional executive committee to rescind their declaration and declare D. H. Mays the nominee. For forty years the authority of the courts alone to determine disputed elections has been held and acquiesced in by this state.

I have asked for re-counts only where this proceeding alone could determine the correct returns. My only desire is to have every vote counted and returned as it was cast and regardless of what Mr. Catts may or may not do, I shall remain true to democratic principles and my own solemn oath by supporting the lawful nominee of the party.

Respectfully, W. V. Knott.

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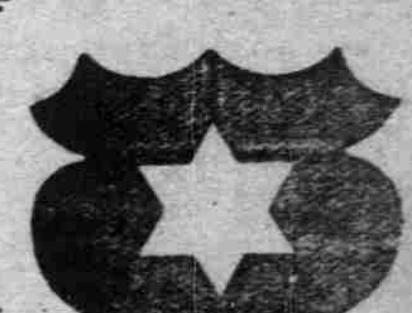
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